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Duties of the present Director of Live-stock.

* 1922 Q.—Mr. R. Nagan Gowda: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) the present duties of the present Deputy Director of Live-stock;

(*b*) whether he has only administrative work or whether he does any original scientific work and if the latter, how many publications he has produced in the last 8 or 9 years he has been in the department;

(*c*) whether he has any teaching work and whether he gives any lectures regularly to the students of Agricultural College at Coimbatore, if so, to what classes and on what subjects, and if not, why not; and

(*d*) whether he takes any classes in cattle-breeding, cattle-feeding, dairying and dairy cattle-breeding?

A.—(*a*) The Deputy Director, Live-stock, is in charge of the whole live-stock work which is being done in the Presidency. His main duties are—

(i) the establishment and management of stock farms in localities in which a good breed of cattle exists;

(ii) the preservation on such farms of valuable strains of indigenous cattle and the distribution of good stock therefrom;

(iii) the formulation of systematic measures to improve the draught and milking qualities of cattle by selection and crossing;

(iv) the formation of milk record societies, etc.;

(v) the investigation of the problem of transporting milk; and

(vi) the examination of problems connected with dairying and the provision of advice and help.

(*b*) He is both an Administrative and a Research officer. Leaflets 31 and 43 and Bulletin No. 95 which deal with the subject have been issued. Copies of these have been placed in the Legislative Council Library. Another leaflet No. 54 is under print. The research work done by the department has not yet reached a stage where further publication is possible or advisable.

(*c*) & (*d*) The Deputy Director, Live-stock, is a Research officer and not a teaching officer and he gives no lectures and holds no classes. Dairying and animal husbandry find a place in the course taught at the Agricultural College, Coimbatore, and the teaching there is done by a special staff. In view of the fact that there is an Imperial school of dairying and animal husbandry at Bangalore, it has not been considered advisable or necessary to do more or to institute any special training course in this Presidency.

Strength of the staff of the Deputy Director of Live-stock.

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(*a*) the present strength of the staff of the Deputy Director of Live-stock (1) in Coimbatore, (2) in the Breeding stations, (3) in Demonstration work in the districts;